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Amendments to the Drawings

Please amend Figure 4 to include hinges on a support mechanism and a data-processing system. A replacement sheet and annotated sheet are appended.

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Remarks

This amendment is in response to the June 29th, 2005 Office Action. Applicant respectfully traverses Examiner's rejections of claims 1-16 in light of the following remarks:

Specification

The Examiner noted a typo appearing on the last paragraph of page 6. This has been corrected.

Drawings

The examiner has requested that elements of claims 1, 8, 4 and 11 be indicated. Pursuant to § 1.83(a) Applicant has added graphics representing points of adjustment such as hinges and a labeled representation of a data-processing system to Fig. 4. The adjustments to the drawings have been made at the examiner's suggestion and add now new matter.

Claim Rejections under § 103(a) over Wiltermood (4,521,968)

Claims 1-6 were rejected in view of Wiltermood and preexisting knowledge.

Applicant first traverses the assertion that one looking at the three pronged fixed light emitter of Wiltermood would use preexisting knowledge to adjust it in both the horizontal and vertical direction. There is no motivation in Wiltermood to do so.

Secondly, applicant traverses the use of Wiltermood as presented by the Examiner. The examiner has referred to element 15 as a first centering means, when in fact element 15 is a third disposed item (column 2 line 23 and claim 1). Element 15 takes advantage of the aligned laser 15 and does not help to establish it. Therefore Wiltermood has only one centering tool.

Further, the targets used in Wiltermood are not "pass-through light receivers" as taught by applicant. The targets of Wiltermood block light, and need to be physically moved in order to let light pass (col 2, lines 30-38).

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In addition, the centering tools of Applicant have one end disposed at the center line and an opposite end abutting the reference surface. Wiltermood's centering tools have radial symmetry and therefore cannot meet this claimed description.

In view of the above remarks and amendments, applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

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